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Big obstacle that can keep us from being eternally minded – Our treasures on earth

*Talking about death won't bring it a moment sooner. But it will give us opportunity to prepare for what lies ahead. If life's greatest certainty is death, wouldn't it be foolish not to prepare for what lies beyond this life? Any life that leaves us unprepared for death is a wasted life – **Randy Alcorn – well known author***

**Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJ)**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Why do we need to store up treasures in heaven?

1. Heaven is our home
2. What we do in this life will echo in eternity

**1 Timothy 6:18&19 (NIV)**

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

3. It keeps us from foolishness

**Luke 12: 15–21 (NLT)**

Then He told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.

He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'

Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.

And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'

"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

God did not call him a fool for being rich. God called him a fool for making financial decisions based purely on this life, not the life to come.

*He who provides for this life, but takes not care for eternity is wise for a moment, but a fool forever – **John Tillotson – British Theologian, born 1630, died 1694***

## As a Christian, how do we become a rich fool?

**Deut 8:11-14, 17, 18 (NLT)**

"But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey His commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today.

For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful!

Do not become proud at that time and forget the LORD your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.

He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.'

Remember the LORD your God. He is the One who gives you power to be successful...

## How do we store up treasures in heaven?

### Moving our hearts

“...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...”

How do you move your treasure from earth to heaven? You move your heart...

What we do with our money doesn't simply indicate where our heart is. According to Jesus, it determines where our heart goes. This is an amazing and exciting truth. If I want my heart to be in one particular place and not in another, then I need to put my money in that place and not in the other.

If you want more of a heart for missions, the church, the poor, put your money there. Your heart will follow where your money goes... Money leads; hearts follows...

If we store up treasures on earth, our hearts will be on earth, if we store up treasure in heaven, our hearts will be in heaven.

**God is interested in our hearts.** The only way that God can get a place in our hearts is when we let go of all our stuff that fills that place in our hearts.

### 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Are we rich in good deeds?

Are we generous?

Are we willing to share?

### What will the result be?

1. We will lay up for ourselves treasure for the coming age (heaven)
2. We will take hold of the life that is truly life

We have only **one life** to store up treasures in heaven...